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taliation. The most rigorous justice ensued ; and the horde of desperadoes, who had kept this part of the country so long under contribution, were radically extirpated. Many were taken, and suffered the penalty of their crimes by the hands of the executioner ; and others fled the country, and were seen no more.

#### MARGARET VERCH EVAN.

OF all the females, modern Wales has produced, of a surety Margaret Verch Evan, who flourished about eight-and-twenty years ago, near Llanberis, in Caernarvonshire, is the most extraordinary. In point of accomplishments, and their practical utility, few, if any, of the fair sex have excelled this celebrated Cambrian damsel.

Passionately fond of the joys of the chase, in her cottage were to be found at all times a selection of the best thorough-bred dogs in the Principality ; and her selection was not limited to one species. Greyhounds, beagles, foxhounds, terriers, and even curs of low degree were to be seen frisking about the cottage, which Margaret occupied ; and the gossips of Llanberis affirm to this day, that she made a more desperate havoc among the hares and foxes than all the confederate hunts did together. Nor were Megan's qualifications confined to her dexterity and hardihood as a huntress. She managed a boat with admirable facility ; she could play on the harp and on the fiddle ; she made shoes, built and repaired boats, shod horses, and, at the age of seventy, was the best wrestler in the county. What will my fair countrywomen say to this ?

This amazon died, about eight-and-twenty years ago, at the advanced age of ninety-two, a wonderful example of native ingenuity, persevering industry, and contented penury.

*London, Oct. 20, 1819.*

T. R.

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#### WELSH TRANSLATIONS.

It has already been mentioned in this work, as a matter of regret, that there are but few translations of any note in the Welsh language. The English abounds in productions, both in verse and prose, of acknowledged celebrity, and which are not to be excelled by the works of any other country. And yet, with the exception of *Paradise Lost*, hardly one can be named, that has